

ATTACHMENT A

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Long Range Planning

Staff continues to advance the City's long-range land use planning program. Recent highlights include:

- El Camino Real Specific Plan – Consultant began work with staff on Thursday (October 12) with a site tour and initial discussion of challenges and opportunities.
- Patrick Henry and Freedom Circle Specific Plans – Staff completed interviews of potential consultant teams and as a next step will be bringing forward recommendations for consultants and contract scopes for City Council approval.
- Tasman East Specific Plan – Property owners are meeting separately to develop a proposed response to the Council's direction to provide 10 acres of open space with the Plan area. Once the property owners have formulated their proposal, staff and consultant will be able to complete preparation of the project draft EIR and begin the public circulation process in early 2018. Staff continues to work with the consultant to prepare the EIR while waiting for the property owner proposal.

Planning – Design Review Assistance

On recent occasions community members as well as some members of the City Council have suggested that the Planning Division should seek outside assistance from architects to support the City's design review process for new development. Architectural design review consultation is one of several tools available to Planning Division staff to perform the design review process. Specific Plans, form elements incorporated within zoning districts, and design guidelines can also provide guidance on appropriate design review to align with community values. On a trial basis, the City has engaged an architectural firm, Urban Field Associates, to review and provide input on two projects currently in the design review process: Coleman Gateway (Hunter Storm mixed-use project located at Coleman Avenue and Brokaw) and Catalina (Citation townhouse project located on El Camino Real near to Civic Center).

Housing Division – County Measure A Funding

The County Office of Supporting Housing has released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for funding of affordable housing projects making use of Measure A revenues. City staff has met with OSH to discuss Santa Clara projects that could make use of this funding, including the 90 N. Winchester and Saint Mark's projects.

Housing Division – HUD Compliance Process Improvements and Training

City staff organized a County-wide Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) training with HUD consultant Cloudburst Group. Five members of City staff and six members from neighboring jurisdictions participated in the training to enhance grant administration skills. As a follow-up to this training, Staff is preparing to update and amend the City's citizen participation plan in order to facilitate better administration of Federal funds. In Program Year 2017 (FY 2017-18), the City of Santa Clara has received a \$903,714 CDBG entitlement grant for program allocation.

City of San Jose Projects

Information is provided to the City Council regarding larger projects in San Jose, Cupertino and Sunnyvale which may be of interest to Santa Clara residents or have the potential to have impacts upon area traffic levels, business activity or other areas of concern. Staff will also provide updates to the City Council if the City formally submits comments to the neighboring jurisdiction regarding such projects.

- 350/370 West Trimble Road – The City of San Jose has scheduled public hearings (Planning Commission October 25, City Council November 28) for consideration of a proposed General Plan change from Industrial Park to Combined Industrial/Commercial for the 19.4 acre site at 350 and 370 West Trimble. The proposed change would allow the site to be used for commercial as well as industrial uses. The property owner has also submitted a rezoning request that would allow for approximately 100,000 square feet of commercial retail uses and a 250 room hotel.
- Aviato at 199 Bassett Street – The City of San Jose has issued an Addendum to the Brandenburg/San Pedro EIR in support of a Special Use Permit to allow construction of a 18-story mixed-use project including 302 residential units and 10,146 square feet of retail on a 0.77 acre site at 199 Bassett Street in Downtown San Jose.
- Cambrian Park Plaza – The City of San Jose is reviewing a proposed annexation and rezoning to redevelop the Cambrian Park Plaza shopping center at the intersection of Camden and Union avenues in San Jose. The proposed mixed-use “Urban Village” project would include two hotels (238 rooms total), 109,000 square feet of retail, a 100,000 square foot convalescent home, 1.6 acres of open space and 344 residential units (280 apartments and 64 townhouses).